

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

# Memorandum

June 25, 1969

TO : Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

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FROM: Will Wilson  
Assistant Attorney General  
Criminal Division

SUBJECT: Cassius Clay

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. DeLoach	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Bishop	
Mr. Casper	
Mr. Callahan	
Mr. Conrad	
Mr. Felt	
Mr. Gale	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Sullivan	✓
Mr. Tavel	
Mr. Trotter	
Tele. Room	
Miss Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

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Reference is made to your August 8, 1968 memorandum captioned [redacted]

Reference is also made to your May 13, 1969 letterhead memorandum captioned [redacted]

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Finally, the transcript of the testimony of Special Agent [redacted] at the recent hearing in the Cassius Clay case in Houston reflects that Special Agent [redacted] was assigned to [redacted]

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We would appreciate your advice concerning these apparent inconsistencies.

*What about these inconsistencies  
& why didn't we note them?*

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: Unsub;  
CASSIUS CLAY - Victim  
EXTORTION

NO LAB FILE

File # *9-41977-8*  
Lab. # *D-446577 JB*

Examination requested by: Bureau Buairtel to Philadelphia 4/1/64

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Date received: 4/1/64

Result of Examination:

Examination by:

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*Re: Q1 - 2 for LFP S. ... 105 PM 4/7/64 JMC*

Specimens submitted for examination

**Specimens received from Selective Service System**

Q1 Envelope postmarked "PHILADELPHIA 12 PA. MAR 21 1964 PM"  
bearing hand printed address "LT. GEN. LEWIS B. HERSHEY  
DIRECTOR SELECTIVE SERVICE 451 INDIANA AVE. N.W.  
WASH D.C."

Q2 Accompanying one-page handwritten letter beginning  
"Sir As a Silver Star, Purple Heart holder..."

*Examined Q1 & Q2 in LFP  
Q1 & Q2 sent to Philadelphia  
LFP report separate 4-8-64  
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Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: Unsub;  
CASSIUS CLAY - Victim  
EXTORTION

NO LAB FILE

File # **9-41997-8**  
Lab. # D-446577 JB

Examination requested by: Bureau Buairtel to Philadelphia 4/1/64

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Date received: 4/1/64

Result of Examination:

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Examination by: [redacted]

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- 1) No ident. Q1 & Q2 in [redacted] added.
- 2) No ident. lps on envelope Q1 & lps on evid rec'd in case "Frankie (Carlo) Lanza; Cassius Clay - Victim; Extortion". No on letters Q2 not comp & lps on Q1 or & material in Lanza case.
- 3) No words or other identifying clues to indicate source of papers Q1 & Q2. No simulated writing. Stamp from Q1 from sheet

Specimens submitted for examination

TF LFP rpt and evid. rep.

Specimens received from Selective Service System

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Q2 5.84 X 7.80 X .0039 - white - no w m

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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS  
**SELECTIVE SERVICE SYSTEM**

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20435

ADDRESS REPLY TO  
THE DIRECTOR OF SELECTIVE SERVICE

March 26, 1964

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Constitution Avenue, 9th and 10th Streets  
N. W.  
Washington, D. C. 20530

Gentlemen:

The enclosed correspondence is forwarded as  
a matter pertaining to your office.

For The Director,

*Charles R. Fox*

CHARLES R. FOX  
Colonel, AGC

Chief, Communications and Records Division

Enclosure

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DIRECTOR SELECTIVE SERVICE  
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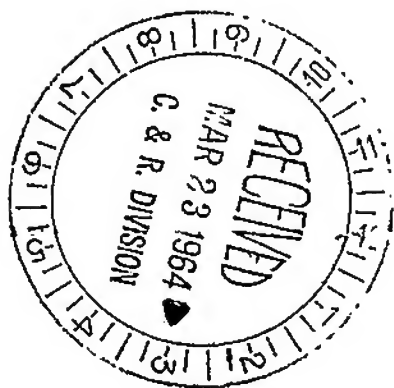
St. Genl Lewis B Hershey.

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as a Silver Star, Purple Heart holder plus many  
Visits to Veteran Hosp. also had a Relative K.I.A.  
to hear over TV + Radio members of selective service  
find the black muslim Cassius Clay unfit for  
military duty. General Hershey its a rotten  
insult to every decent red blooded American  
who does their bit or are due to be inducted  
we had the 5 percent Vaughn, then the Baker case  
now Cassius Clay unable to pass test for  
service to the Country that permits him to go  
about and sneer at the Boy + Women who did  
serve, is it any wonder we have the Oswalds  
the Ruby. the Army doctors and now the  
yellow dog Clay who should be proud to  
serve this America, but Gen may we ask who  
were members of your selective service who stooped  
under duress to insult every American  
Gen you must admit I g or not Clay could  
be used in some branch of service if not combat  
be in S. 2. 8 but your members who let him get  
away with it should hang heads in shame.  
Where are all the 4<sup>th</sup> July Veterans that  
they don't scream across America  
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in deep Protest of insult pushed on  
American Public by members of the  
Selective Service System.  
Gen Hershey as Director of Selective Service  
it is your duty as a American to make a  
statement who on staff pulled this insult.  
if some one levels a 30-30 in clay if the  
ever enters a ring. the blame is on the members  
who passed the rotten decision  
Signed a Vet from Montfaucon 1918



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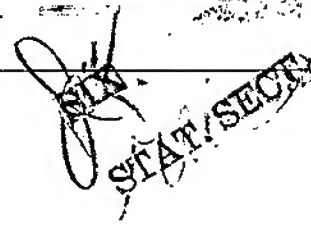
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TITLE OF CASE  <b>UNSUB; aka Frankie (Carbo) Lanza; CASSIUS CLAY - VICTIM</b>		REPORT MADE BY <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100px;"></div>	TYPED BY <b>mab</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>EXTORTION</b>	b6 b7C

References

Bureau airtel to Philadelphia, 3/6/64.  
 Philadelphia airtel to Bureau, 3/9/64.  
 Louisville airtel to Bureau, 3/10/64.  
 Bureau airtel to Philadelphia, 3/12/64.  
 Bureau letter to Philadelphia, 3/13/64.  
 Louisville letter to Philadelphia, 3/13/64.  
 Bureau letter to Philadelphia, 3/17/64.  
 Bureau airtel to Philadelphia, 3/18/64.  
 Bureau letter to Philadelphia, 3/31/64.  
 Bureau letter to Philadelphia, 4/8/64.  
 Bureau letter to Philadelphia, 4/9/64.  
 Philadelphia airtel to Bureau, 4/27/64.

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Leads

APPROVED <i>JED</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW	
COPIES MADE: 1 - Bureau (9-41997) 1 - USA, EDPA 2 - Denver 2 - Louisville (9-1437) 1 - Miami (Info) 2 - Philadelphia (9-2492)		<b>9-41997-15</b>	<b>REC-49</b>
		<b>MAY 8 1964</b>	<b>EX-115</b>
DISSEMINATION RECORD OF ATTACHED REPORT		NOTATIONS	
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LOUISVILLE:

AT LOUISVILLE, KY.

1. Will determine from Mr. [redacted] of [redacted] the itinerary of CASSIUS CLAY for the immediate future.

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2. Will advise Philadelphia and Miami of CLAY's Miami address.

DENVER:

AT DENVER, COLO.

Will locate and interview SONNY LISTON for any information he may have which may develop a suspect in instant case.

PHILADELPHIA:

AT PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Upon receipt of results of investigation by the Denver Office, will represent case to the United States Attorney.

Administrative Data

Information copy being furnished Miami in view of possibility of CLAY residing there during the spring and summer months.

Informants

The following informants were contacted by SA [redacted] concerning instant case with negative results.

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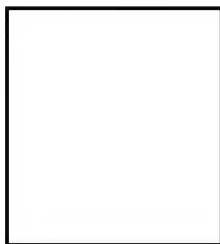
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The following informants were contacted by SA [ ]  
[ ] all of whom are familiar with the Negro activities  
in Philadelphia; none could furnish any suspects in this mat-  
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On March 10, 1964, Miss [ ] Postal  
Inspector's Office, Philadelphia, advised the stamps 1B  
and 2B appearing on instant letters do not designate a  
postal zone in Philadelphia, but designate only that the  
stamps on these envelopes were canceled by the big machines  
in the Main Post Office Building, 30th and Market Streets,  
Philadelphia. She explained they could have been picked up  
in almost any section of the city; however, they were can-  
celed in the Main Post Office Building. She said no informa-  
tion concerning the box in which they were dropped could be  
determined from this cancellation.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, EDPA.

Report of:

Date:

5/6/64

Office: Philadelphia,  
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Field Office File No.: 9-2492

Bureau File No.: 9-41997

Title: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;  
aka Frankie (Carbo) Lanza;  
CASSIUS CLAY - VICTIM

Character: EXTORTION

## Synopsis:

Letter postmarked 3/4/64 at Philadelphia, Pa., addressed to "Personal to FBI, Washington, D. C.," and bearing signature FRANKIE (CARBO) LANZA received at FBI, Washington, D. C., 3/5/64. This letter contained statement which, in the opinion of the USA, EDPA., would fall within the purview of Title 18, Section 876, USC, in that bodily harm was threatened to CASSIUS CLAY. Instant letter consisted of printed statements written on the back of a Paramount Pictures advertising circular available at numerous East Coast theaters advertising the movie "Seven Days in May." Circulars also available at auto dealers handling Saab automobile. A letter postmarked Philadelphia, Pa., 3/4/64, addressed "Personal - to WALTER WINCHELL, c/o New York Journal American, 220 South Street, New York 15, N. Y.," received by the Bureau. This letter appears almost identical to letter previously received by Bureau. A letter addressed to Lt. General LEWIS B. HERSHEY, Director, Selective Service, 451 Indiana Avenue, NW, Washington, D. C., bearing signature "a Vet from (illegible) 1918" forwarded to FBI Lab. This letter felt by USA, EDPA., to "imply a threat." FBI Lab determined letters #1 and #2 were prepared by the same individual. Letter #3 could not be associated with letters #1 and #2. Envelopes enclosing letters #1 and #2 described as type obtainable at any U. S. Post Office. Victim advised of threat. Investigation to date failed to establish suspect. Investigation continuing.

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## Details:

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The following investigation was predicated upon receipt of information on March 7, 1964, at which time the FBI, Washington, D. C., advised of the receipt of a letter on March 5, 1964, postmarked March 4, 1964, addressed to "Personal to FBI, Washington, D. C.," and signed "FRANKIE (CARBO) LANZA." This letter contained statements which possibly violated Section 876, Title 18, U. S. Code, in that it made statements threatening bodily harm to CASSIUS CLAY.

By communication dated March 6, 1964, FBI, Washington, D. C., advised of the receipt of a letter addressed "Personal to FBI, Washington, D. C.," which reads as follows:

"F.B.I.

"Someday when CASSUS CLAY rides in an open car I will assassinate him with my telescope rifle. He is a member of the Black Muslims and he hates white people.

"SONNY (CARBO) LISTON love money thats why he will win the title back from CASSIUS CLAY. P.S.

"JOEY GIARDELLO won the title the hard honest way from DICK TIGER not like CASSIUS CLAY. Don't print this in the newspaper.

"From --

"/s/ FRANKIE (CARBO) LANZA"

By letter dated March 17, 1964, the Bureau advised that from examination of the above letter (letter #1) two latent fingerprints of value were developed on the submitted envelope, one latent of value developed on the letter.

By communication dated March 18, 1964, the Bureau advised of the receipt of a letter from WALTER WINCHELL enclosing a letter postmarked Philadelphia, Pa., March 4, 1964, addressed "Personal to - WALTER WINCHELL, c/o New York Journal American, 220 South Street, New York 15, N. Y."



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This letter was written on the reverse side of a flier advertising the movie "Seven Days in May," as was letter #1. The contents of this letter, printed in ink, are as follows:

"Dear WALTER WINCHELL:

"Someday when CASSIUS CLAY rides in an open car I will shoot him. He is a member of the Black Muslims and he hates white people.

"SONNY (CARBO) LISTON loves money and he knows he could win the title back from CASSIUS CLAY. P.S. JOEY GIARDELLO won the title from DICK TIGER the hard honest way not CASSIUS CLAY.

"From--FRANKIE (CARBO) LANZA"

On March 7, 1964, Lt. [redacted] Commissioner's Office, Philadelphia Police Department, was advised of instant letters and requested to have a search made of records of his department which would possibly reflect a suspect in instant case. b6 b7C

On March 10, 1964, Lt. [redacted] advised that records of the Philadelphia Police Department, particularly those in the anonymous letter files, as well as the Intelligence Division, had been checked with negative results concerning any possible suspect. b6 b7C

On March 9, 1964, [redacted] caused a review of the Records of the Retail Credit Bureau of Philadelphia to be made with negative results as to a FRANKIE (CARBO) LANZA; however, they identified [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted] Philadelphia, Pa.

By communication dated March 10, 1964, the Louisville Office advised that CASSIUS CLAY had been interviewed and advised of the receipt of letter #1. It was determined that CLAY planned to be in New York on or about March 14, 1964, to tape shows for the Jack Paar Television Show and anticipated travel to Miami, Fla., where he would probably remain for several months beyond April 1964.

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By communication dated April 1, 1964, FBI, Washington, D. C., advised of the receipt of a letter by the Selective Service Headquarters. This letter was postmarked Philadelphia, Pa., March 21, 1964, addressed to Lt. General LEWIS B. HERSHEY, Director, Selective Service, 541 Indiana Avenue, NW, Washington, D. C., and reads as follows:

"Lt Genl LEWIS B. HERSHEY

"Sir

"As a Silver Star, Purple Heart holder plus many visits to Veteran Hosp also had a Relative K.J.A. to hear over TV & Radio Members of Selective Service find the black Muslim CASSIS CLAY unfit for Military Duty. General HERSHEY its a rotten insult to every decend red blooded American who done theis bit or are due to be inducted We had the 5 per cent Vaughn, then the Bulsor case now CASSUS CLAY unable to pass test for Service to the country that permits Him to go about and sneer at the Boys & Women Who did Serve, is it any Wonder We have the Oswalds the Rubys the Sonny Listins andnow the yellow dog CLAY, who should be proud to Serve thes America but Gen may We ask Who Were Members of Your Selective Service Who stooped under duress to insult every American Gen you must admit If or not Clay could be used in some branch of Service if Not Combat be in S.O.S. but your Members Who let Him get away With it should hang heads in shame. Where are all the 4th July Veterans that they dont scream across America in deep Protest of insult pushed on American Public by Members of the Selective Service System.

"Gen HERSHEY as Director of Selevtic Service it is Your Duty as a American to make a Statement Who on Staff pulled this insult. if some one levels a 30-30 on CLAY if He ever enters a ring. the blame is on the Members who passed the rotten deccsin.

"Signed a Vet From (illegible) 1918"

Date March 13, 19641

CASSIUS M. CLAY, the heavyweight boxer, Louisville, Kentucky, residence 7307 Verona Way, was contacted at Stouffer's Hotel in Louisville, Kentucky,

He was advised that a handprinted letter contained in an envelope postmarked March 4, 1964, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, addressed "Personal, To FBI, Washington, D. C." was received by the FBI, Washington, D. C., on March 5, 1964; that the writer of the letter signed as FRANKIE (CARO) LANZA. He was further told that in the letter the writer wrote that "Some day when Cassius Clay rides in an open car I will assassinate him with my telescope rifle."

CLAY stated he was not acquainted with anyone named FRANKIE (CARO) LANZA and knows of no letters he may have personally received containing such a signature.

CLAY expressed appreciation for being advised of this matter and remarked, "I just won't ride in any open automobile."

The following is a description of CLAY:

Name:	CASSIUS MARCELLUS CLAY, VI 7307 Verona Way Louisville, Kentucky
Date of Birth:	January 17, 1942
Place of Birth:	Louisville, Kentucky
Race:	Negro
Height:	6'4"
Weight:	210
Eyes:	Brown
Hair:	Black
Complexion:	Medium Dark
Parents:	CASSIUS M. and ODESSA CLAY 7307 Verona Way Louisville, Kentucky

On 3/10/64 at Louisville, Kentucky File # LS 9-1437

by SA  WHL:ugo Date dictated 3/12/64

Date March 26, 1964

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Mr. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised he is familiar with those connected with boxing and those connected with the theatre in the Philadelphia area and to some extent in the boxing element on a National basis.

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Mr. [REDACTED] said that the poster advertising the movie "Seven Days in May" and bearing an entry blank for a contest would be handled by Fox Theatre in Philadelphia as that theatre would show this movie first in Philadelphia.

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He stated he doubts if any other ticket agency would have entry blanks as tickets to this movie.

He stated that CASSIUS CLAY has become a controversial figure due to his association with the Black Muslims. He stated that CLAY as a boxer if controlled would be a "gold mine" for those handling him. He said it appears that CLAY is now out of control of those associated with him and is very unpopular among the white people associated with boxing as well as the general public.

He stated he could furnish no information whatsoever regarding a threat to harm CASSIUS CLAY but stated that CLAY has placed himself into a position where he could be despised by the general public and particularly the Italian element in boxing. He knows of no one who has any particular hatred for CLAY.

On 3/23/64 at Philadelphia, Pa. File # Philadelphia 9-2492

by SAs [REDACTED] /ccj Date dictated 3/25/64

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Date March 26, 1964

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Mr. [redacted] advised as follows:

He has been associated with boxing for the past 25 years formerly [redacted]. He said he has been associated in the past with FRANK "BLINKY" PALERMO, FRANK CARBO, JACK NILON, manager of SONNY LISTON, and numerous others.

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He stated that CASSIUS CLAY is the most logical man in boxing to continue with the heavy gate receipts and that SONNY LISTON has lost his popularity as far as the gate receipts are concerned. He said that having been advised of a threat to harm CASSIUS CLAY, he felt that such a threat would have been made through a hate group and not anyone associated with boxing in that he could see no purpose being served for anyone associated with boxing to make a threat to harm CASSIUS CLAY. He said that the legal aspect of CLAY's fight with LISTON and the present financial troubles of LISTON bring into the picture a great number of questionable individuals who are fighting for cuts of the money from both CLAY and LISTON; however, it is impossible for him to see any connection to the instant threat.

He said he could see no profit for any individual connected with boxing in harming CLAY. He pointed out that CLAY in his latest publicity in joining a hate group has made himself unpopular in the eyes of the general public. He also said there are a number of people who undoubtedly lost money on the LISTON vs. CLAY fight and would not like the world's champion to be a member of the Black Muslims and may write such a letter during their anger based on the recent publicity. He said he has heard no comments concerning anyone who may have made such a threat.

On 3/20/64 at Philadelphia, Pa. File # Philadelphia 9-2492

by SA [redacted] /ccj Date dictated 3/25/64

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Date 4/6/64

HERMAN TAYLOR, Herman Taylor Enterprises, 250 South Broad Street, nationally known boxing promoter, advised as follows:

CASSIUS CLAY is a very controversial figure in national sports and was even prior to winning the heavy-weight title. GIARDELLO, present middleweight champion, is a very popular individual in South Philadelphia among the Italian element, but is generally considered "as despised by both white and colored." TAYLOR pointed out that CLAY, since he has joined the Black Muslims, has undoubtedly created a controversy in the minds of the public and undoubtedly has made numerous enemies; however, nothing is known to him which would have any bearing on a threat against CLAY's life.

He pointed out that he could see no person associated with the boxing game who would have reason to threaten CLAY or who could profit by harming CLAY. He said that a threat such as that made against CLAY would undoubtedly have come from some "crackpot" and should he receive such a threat it would worry him very little. TAYLOR said that he could furnish absolutely no suspect or could think of no individual or group of individuals who would have reason to make such a threat.

He pointed out in view of the fact that FRANKIE CARBO's name was mentioned it could possibly be someone associated with LISTON or the old boxing racket leaders; however, he could find no reason to his knowledge.

On 3/25/64 at Philadelphia, Pa. File # Philadelphia 9-2492  
by SA [redacted] :ELS Date dictated 3/31/64

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Date 4/7/64

Mr. ARNOLD GIVONETTI, manager of personal affairs of JOEY GIARDELLO, advised that he has been associated with boxing in Philadelphia for the past 12 years and is familiar with most boxers and their associates. He said that he has very little to do with the colored element of boxing on a social basis and only on a limited basis in the actual boxing game. He said he knows of no one who could profit by harming or threatening CLAY and that nothing has come to his attention which would in any way reflect a possible suspect in this threat.

He pointed out that CLAY is a very controversial figure not only in the boxing profession but also from a religious and racial standpoint.

He said the threat made would indicate to him that it would be a crackpot and if the same was made concerning him he would not consider it a threat, but someone possibly angry over the loss of a bet.

He said that he knows of no GIARDELLO fans who would in any way have any complaints against CLAY and could furnish no information of value in this investigation.

On 3/26/64 at Philadelphia, Pa. File # Philadelphia 9-2492  
by SA [redacted], &  
SA [redacted]:ELS Date dictated 4/1/64 b6  
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Date 4/7/64

Mr. ADOLPH RITACO, 834 Cross Street, Philadelphia, advised as follows:

He is 50 years of age and has been associated with boxing for the past 30 years, all of this as a trainer of fighters. He said he works in [ ] corner and handles his physical training seven days a week. He is paid by [ ] on a gate percentage basis. He attends many fights other than those in which [ ] participates.

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RITACO said that he has little or no knowledge of CLAY's personal life and in view of the fact he has not been associated with a colored fighter in recent years he has little or no associations with the colored element in the fight game. He said he has been with [ ] for the past 12 years. He said that he has heard nothing which would indicate that there are any individuals in the Philadelphia boxing group who would have any reason to threaten or harm CASSIUS CLAY. He said that from such a threat as has been received he undoubtedly would consider it as a result of a lost bet or possibly the adverse publicity concerning the fight with LISTON and even more so the recent publicity in which CLAY has described himself as a Black Muslim. He said that should he receive such a threat he would feel that it came from some crackpot and certainly would not worry over such a threat.

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He also pointed out that some of the men previously associated with Philadelphia boxing may be capable of carrying out such a threat, but feels that should they intend to harm anyone they would not write him about it first.

On 3/26/64 at Philadelphia, Pa. File # Philadelphia 9-2492  
by SA [ ] & SA [ ] ELS Date dictated 4/1/64

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He said that he has absolutely no information which could identify any individual or group of individuals who would have reason to threaten or harm CASSIUS CLAY.

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Date 4/6/64

Mr. CARMEN TIELELLI, [redacted]  
[redacted] N.J., was interviewed at his gymnasium, Passyunk and  
Moore Streets, Philadelphia.

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TIELELLI advised that he is a boxer fighting under  
the name of JOEY GIARDELLO and is presently the world's  
champion of his class. He said he is no longer managed by  
[redacted] but has bought his own contract and now  
handles his own affairs. He said that his personal affairs  
are handled by ARNOLD GIVONETTI and his training affairs  
are handled by [redacted]

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TIELELLI stated that he considers himself more  
popular among the colored element in Philadelphia than most  
white fighters and that he has no known enemies among the  
colored or white. He said he has met CLAY on one or two  
occasions and outside of newspaper publicity knows very  
little about him. He said that CLAY does not spend much  
time in Philadelphia, being owned by businessmen in  
Louisville, Ky. He said he has heard no unfavorable  
comments about CLAY; however, it is common knowledge that  
CLAY's fight with LISTON left many unanswered questions.

He said that neither he nor his staff have any  
information either favorable or unfavorable concerning  
CLAY's standing in this city and could see no reason why  
anyone would care to harm him or threaten him. He said  
that such a threat could come from any of millions of fans  
who believed LISTON to be the fighter he was advertised to  
be. He said it was his opinion that LISTON was not in  
condition to fight, being overweight and sluggish at the  
time he fought CLAY. He said that it is also possible that  
the person making the threat could have been a sore loser on  
a bet and this could include millions of people. He said he  
could furnish no information whatsoever which would possibly  
reflect a suspect in the threats on CLAY's life.

On 3/26/64 at Philadelphia, Pa. File # Philadelphia 9-2492  
by SA [redacted], &  
SA [redacted] Date dictated 4/1/64

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Mr. JACK PUGGY, Matchmaker, Herman Taylor Enterprises, 250 South Broad Street, advised that he has been associated with boxing for many years and has limited knowledge of most of the individuals involved in the boxing games; however, he could not recall having met anyone who would have reason to threaten or harm CASSIUS CLAY. He pointed out that with JOEY GIARDELLO fights he is often booed by the colored element; however, he is extremely popular among the Italian element in Philadelphia. He said that absolutely nothing has come to his attention which would possibly identify any individual or group of individuals who would have any reason whatsoever to threaten or harm CLAY.

On 3/25/64 at Philadelphia, Pa. File # Philadelphia 9-2492  
by SA [redacted] & SA [redacted] :ELS Date dictated 3/31/64

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Date 3/26/64

Mr. [ ] Victor Sports Car Service, 1512 Belfield Avenue, advised that he received from Paramount Pictures on or about March 4, 1964, approximately 200 to 300 blanks advertising the movie "Seven Days in May" and the contest in which the winner will receive a Saab automobile. He said that he is one of three Saab distributors in Philadelphia and that each were given 200 to 300 and possibly more entry blanks. He said he possibly has 50 such blanks left at this time. He said that these blanks are available in the showroom and that anyone may pick up one or more of the blanks just by entering the showroom.

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He pointed out that other agencies handling Saabs are Plachter Imported Cars, Inc., 1419 Spring Garden Street; Overseas Cars, Ltd., 50 Cottman Street. He said that Haverford Sports Car Company, 510 West Lancaster Avenue, Philadelphia, will soon be handling Saab automobiles.

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by SA [ ] :ELS Date dictated 3/20/64

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Mr. [ ] Fox Theater, 16th and Market Streets, advised as follows:

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The movie "Seven Days in May" opened at this theater on March 4, 1964, and is currently running. He said that the entry blanks advertising this movie and setting forth instructions for a contest were furnished to this theater by Paramount Pictures. He explained that the winners of the contest will win a Saab. He said that his theater received 3,000 such entry blanks and 5,000 additional blanks were furnished to the three Saab dealers in Philadelphia. The 3,000 blanks furnished to the Fox Theater were placed in a rack in the lobby of the theater on March 4, 1964, backed by a large billboard type display explaining the contest. These blanks were available to all customers leaving the theater or anyone passing by on the street could come in and pick up one or more of the blanks.

Mr. [ ] stated he talked with [ ] of Paramount Pictures and learned that 8,000 such blanks were released to Fox Theater and three Saab dealers; however, he had given approximately 2,000 more such blanks to one or two individuals, whose names he does not recall but who were young boys, for distribution in shopping centers in Philadelphia. He said his instructions to the boys were to place them on automobiles; however, he has no reason to believe that they were distributed or were not distributed. Mr. [ ] said he could not locate or identify the individuals to whom he gave approximately 2,000 blanks.

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Mr. [ ] pointed out that these blanks represent a national contest and every city in which this movie is being shown at this time or in the near future will be furnished a supply of these blanks if a supply has not already been furnished.

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Mr. [ ] stated that he had no information whatsoever concerning CASSIUS CLAY or his personal life and is familiar with no one who is familiar with his personal life.

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Mr. [ ] was interviewed at his place of business, [ ] prior to which SA [ ] advised [ ] he need not make a statement, that any statement he made may be used against him in a court of law, and he could contact an attorney at any time prior to making any statement.

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[ ] stated he was born and reared in Philadelphia and inherited his business from his father, who died four years ago. [ ]

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[ ] of the sale of same are his only interest. He said he has no interest in boxing and does not follow the sport. He does not know CLAY, LISTON, or GIARDELLO. He said he has absolutely no prejudices and is not a bettor on fights.

[ ] denied writing any letters concerning CLAY or having any information concerning anyone who would write such letters.

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He stated he was born [ ] in Philadelphia, Pa., he is 5'9" tall and weighs 200 pounds. He has black hair, brown eyes, and the only fingerprints on record of his with any department consist of one set of prints taken at Philadelphia [ ] while working at summer work at that base.

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[ ] said he knew of no other [ ] in Philadelphia or any [ ] who would possibly send such letters.

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Mr. [ ] Overseas Auto Company, Inc., 560 Cottman Street, advised his company sells the SAAB auto. b6 b7C

He said in early March 1963, he received a phone call from Victor Motors telling him to pick up a supply of entry blanks for a contest sponsored by Paramount Pictures; however, he never made this pickup and therefore did not have any of the entry blanks in his showroom.

Mr. [ ] stated he has not seen the entry blanks; however, it was his understanding these blanks were sent to numerous theaters and auto dealers all over the East. He said he could furnish no information concerning the instant investigation. b6 b7C

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by SA [ ] : mab Date dictated 4/23/64 b6 b7C

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Mr. [redacted] Plachter Auto Company, 1419 Spring Garden Street, advised that [redacted] did not receive the contest entry blanks from Paramount Pictures concerning "Seven Days in May." He said this auto company does not handle SAAB; however, does handle a number of foreign cars. He said he could furnish absolutely no information concerning the instant investigation.

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by SA [redacted] : mab Date dictated 4/7/64

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advised he has talked with numerous people b6 involved with boxing and boxing followers since first con- b7C tacted on March 20, 1964. However, nothing has come to his attention which would possibly reflect a suspect.

He again pointed out there appears no way for anyone associated with boxing to profit by such threats or actual harm to CASSIUS CLAY. He pointed out his opinion is that the individual is a "screwball" who possibly is anti-Negro or perhaps lost a bet during the LISTON-CLAY fight.

He said in the boxing business at Philadelphia there have been numerous questionable individuals in the past and perhaps still are; however, he could not identify anyone who could possibly profit by such a threat and he feels the threat was made in anger over either a lost bet or CLAY's announcement he is associated with the Black Muslims.

He said he would advise should anything come to his attention which would reflect on the unknown writer.

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Mr. CARMEN TILELLI, aka JOEY GIARDELLO, was re-contacted at his gymnasium, Passyunk and Moore Streets, at which time he stated nothing had come to his attention which would reflect a possible suspect in instant case.

He stated he considers himself very popular among the Negro element in Philadelphia and that he has no Negro enemies. He said he knows of none of his followers who would have any grudge against CLAY as CLAY fights in a different weight class and would in no way be a competitor of his.

He said there are numerous individuals in South Philadelphia who are always attempting to get hold of fighters' contracts or in some way nuzzle into fighters' incomes; however, he could associate none of his followers with LISTON or CLAY.

He said he feels the individual who wrote the letters is a complete "screwball" as there appears no logical reasoning behind such a threat.

He said it is no secret the general public has a different outlook toward CLAY since he has joined the Black Muslims and he feels numerous groups such as Italians look at the Black Muslims as a very "odd" group.

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On March 9, 1964, facts concerning letter #1 were discussed with Assistant U. S. Attorney [redacted] Eastern District of Pennsylvania, at which time he advised that although the contents of the letter appear to fall within the purview of Title 18, Section 876, U. S. Code, he would defer prosecutive opinion until examination of instant letter was completed by the FBI Laboratory. b6 b7c

On March 19, 1964, facts concerning letter #2, as well as the FBI examination of letter #1, were presented to Mr. [redacted] at which time he stated that both letters appear to violate Section 876, Title 18, U. S. Code, and requested logical investigation be conducted. b6 b7c

On March 26, 1964, the contents of letter #3, directed to General LEWIS B. HERSHEY were discussed with Mr. [redacted] at which time he was advised the FBI Laboratory did not associate the handwriting on this letter with that of the previous two letters. b6 b7c

Mr. [redacted] stated that this letter only "implies" a threat. The wording therein indicates similar thoughts and he requested this letter be coordinated with the pending investigation of letters #s 1 and 2. b6 b7c

He said that in view of the lack of logical reasoning, he would further consider prosecutive opinion upon receipt of the full report of present investigation.